

## **WHO AM I?**

**Who am I? I think I know.**

**I live inside, I'm not a trusting soul.**

**Who am I ? Who else?**

**I am myself.**

**I'm not the reflection of me in thee.**

**I am, however, the me I reflect of myself in the eyes of my critics.**

**I believe we all see the reflections that we can or want to be.**

**Like energy is absorbed into all of life's creations.**

**Ignoring them doesn't make the reflections go away,**

**Ignoring them because we don't care for what they represent.**

**We ignore things that don't fit the mold of who we want ourselves to be.**

**So we ask ourselves, "Where did our mold, our pattern, our design come from?"**

**I do believe that while we were still relaxing in the safety of gestation that our mothers**

**Ordered us a persona that fit their idealistic requirements of who their child should be,**

**Wanting not what they themselves had become with their faults and shortcomings.**

**Not yet of this world and we were reflections of a mother's desire,**

**An expectation, if you will, of unfulfilled hope and quiet expectations.**

**How do we know we hate? How do we know who we hate?**

**How do we hate? How does hate manifest itself?**

**Like hate, where does bigotry come from?**

**It is a common knowledge that a president hated broccoli.**

**Is that the same thing?**

**Many years ago I read that a Swiss watch had 117 parts,**

**All necessary to make the watch function. There are no unimportant parts.**

**The watch is like a community of equality and necessity. Big cog wheels made of small screws made of tin, each part dependent on the next part in order to function.**

**Do brown eyes see better than blue? And are tall people blessed and short people cursed?**

**Who am I? Who put me together? To whom do I complain if my parts don't fit as I think they should?**

**Where do I go to get them fixed?**

**After all I can't be blamed for something over which I had no control. Can I?**

**Who am I? Where am I?**

**I am here—because here is where I am.**

**If I don't want to be here I can move.**

**Who am I? I am who I want to be—because if I didn't want to be who I am, I would change.**

**Who am I ? Why I am me of course.**

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